IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of Forbes Jones et al. : Title:

Group Art Unit 1742 : COBALT-NICKEL-CHROMIUM-: MOLYBDENUM ALLOYS WITH

Serial No. 10/656,918 : REDUCED LEVELS OF TITANIUM

: NITRIDE INCLUSIONS Filed September 5, 2003 :

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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222-2312 September 20, 2007

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In the August 24, 2007 response to Office Action (the "Response") filed in the above patent application, Applicants stated that they would be submitting a declaration of Robert J. Myers demonstrating commercial success. At the time Applicants filed the Response, Mr. Myers was traveling overseas and was not available to sign the declaration. Applicants now attach Mr. Myers' signed declaration and respectfully request that the Examiner consider it in conneciton with the Response.

Applicants submit that Mr. Myers' declaration clealry shows that (1) small diameter wire produced from the alloy recited in claim 1 of the present aplication has enjoyed very substantial commercial success, and (2) the commercial success is directly attributable to the unexpected and substantial improvement in fatigue resistance

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of wire made according to the claims of the Subject Application. Accordingly, the commercial success documented in Mr. Myers' declaration shows that the alloy recited in claim 1 would not have been obvious from the references cited by the Examiner in the outstanding Office Action.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned if he has any questions regarding the attached declaration.

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